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Colleagues,

New information in bold as of 17:00 EST, 06 Feb

Overview

- Effective 15 Jan, COVID-19 vaccination became mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the US to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival.
- Similarly, beginning on 22 Jan, non-US essential workers who are crossing land borders must be fully vaccinated.

Key Points: (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

Ottawa, ON:

- On the afternoon of 06 Feb, the City of Ottawa declared a State of Local Emergency due to the ongoing demonstration.
- Estimated 50 people on Parliament Hill and 800-1000 people in the surrounding area.
- Authorities continue to engage with convoy organizers to clear emergency lanes. Limited progress has been made in the downtown core.
 - Impasse in Ottawa as protesters settle in, police are strained and politicians search for solutions. [Link](#)
 - City 'outnumbered,' says mayor. [Link](#)

- **Downtown Ottawa 'out of control' with convoy protesters 'calling the shots': mayor.** [Link](#)

Toronto, ON:

- **No reports of demonstrations, however, road closures remain in effect for key areas in the downtown core.**
 - **Toronto police to maintain road closures and heavy presence downtown day after large protest.** [Link](#)
 - **Man arrested after feces thrown during anti-mandate protest in Toronto.** [Link](#)

Sarnia, ON:

- **Demonstrations have closed the Blue Water Bridge (Canada-US border crossing).**
- **Alternative routes have been established and latest reports indicate a reduction of vehicles involved in the demonstration.**
 - **Police close westbound Hwy. 402 as anti-restrictions convoy hits Sarnia.** [Link](#)

Quebec City, QC:

- **Demonstrations are occurring in the vicinity of the QC National Assembly buildings.**
- **Reports indicate 20 transport trucks and several hundred demonstrators.**
 - **Police issue warnings to protesting truck drivers in Quebec City, parking tolerance ending.** [Link](#)
 - **A few hundred protesters honk their horns in Quebec City.** [Link](#) (French Only)

Coutts (Port of Entry) AB:

- **Two lanes of traffic remain open on the highway in the vicinity of Coutts, allowing access to the US border.**
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 - **Here for the long-haul': No end in sight to Coutts blockade on Day 7.** [Link](#)

Winnipeg, MB:

- **No new reports of demonstrations.**
 - **Man charged in hit and run during Freedom Convoy protest, injuring four.** [Link](#)
 - **Police probe hit-and-run at Winnipeg protest against pandemic restrictions.** [Link](#)

Regina, SK:

- **Reports indicates protesters are preparing to occupy a street close to the Legislative building for a prolonged period.**
 - **Anti-mandate protesters vow to stay on Albert Street as police ticket vehicles.** [Link](#)

Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, AB:

- **No new reports of demonstrations.**
 - **Convoy snarls streets in Edmonton.** [Link](#)
 - **Protests against COVID-19 health measures continue in Alberta cities.** [Link](#)

Vancouver, Victoria, BC:

- **No new reports of demonstrations.**

- **Convoy against COVID-19 restrictions returns to BC legislature for 2nd weekend.** [Link](#)

Preparedness and Response efforts

Ottawa, ON :

- The GOC will host Significant Event Information Sharing Protocol (SEISP) teleconferences with partners at TBS and PCO on an ad hoc basis for the remainder of the event.
- OPS has increased uniformed presence over the weekend.
 - Ottawa police hire elite crisis-management firm to handle protest messaging. [Link](#)
- On 29 Jan, a NOTAM was issued for airspace restrictions over Parliament Hill and has been extended until 07 Feb.
- **Police resources continue to issue tickets.**
- **OPS has announced on social media that “Anyone attempting to bring material supports (gas, etc.) to the demonstrators could be subject to arrest. Enforcement is underway.”**
- OPS and OPP resources continue to address areas of tension with truckers/demonstrators and maintaining public safety is the number one priority.
- OPS additionally reports the following:
 - Continue to avoid nonessential travel to the downtown core.
- For information on [planned traffic routes, road closures and location of other demonstrations nationally.](#)
- For updates on the [City of Ottawa road closures and traffic](#) or via social media [@Ottawa_Traffic](#) and [@Ottawa_Circule](#).

Other Jurisdictions:

- Quebec City, QC: Tow trucks ready if convoy poses problems, Legault says. [Link](#)
- On 03 Feb, a NOTAM was issued for airspace restrictions over Queen’s Park in Toronto. Restrictions are in effect until 09 Feb.
- On 03 Feb, a NOTAM was issued for airspace restrictions over Quebec City, QC. Restrictions are in effect until 09 Feb.
- NOTAMs are in effect over Milk River, AB in addition to Coutts, AB until 09 Feb.

Overall Assessment: (derived from information available on open sources):

- The majority of the events have been peaceful.
- Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is so far minor.
- There is currently no known end time for the demonstrations.

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